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Misrepresentations by one seeking to dispose of property commercially as to the price for which the property had been sold or offered have frequently been held to be factual and material, and thus to afford a basis for fraud,¹ although the mere statement of an excessive asking price has been held not to constitute fraud.² Similarly, representations that bonds are selling at par, that there has not been a sale of them for less than a certain figure, and that the seller has borrowed a certain amount from the bank on the bonds, are representations of fact and, if false and made with intent to deceive, will sustain an action for damages for the fraud.³

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Footnotes

- ¹ [Dunlap v. Peirce](#), 336 Ill. 178, 168 N.E. 277, 66 A.L.R. 181 (1929).
- ² [MacKellar v. Thompson](#), 119 A.D. 36, 103 N.Y.S. 853 (2d Dep't 1907).
- ³ [Adams v. Collins](#), 196 Mass. 422, 82 N.E. 498 (1907).

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